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National Deworming Day
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether National Deworming Day was observed in February, 2017 in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to achieve the aims and objectives of the event;

(b) whether any programmes were organised by the Government on this occasion and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of children who have been dewormed, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make the country risk free from worms infections?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a): Yes. National Deworming Day (NDD) 2017 was implemented in 30 States/UTs during February 2017 wherein all pre-school and school-age children between the ages of 1 − 19 years were administered deworming drug i.e. Albendazole tablet through the platform of schools and anganwadi centres in order to achieve the objective of deworming the children.

The operational guidelines have been developed for assisting the States/UTs in conducting National Deworming Day.

(b): Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) conducted media interaction in Nirman Bhawan on 09.02.2017 regarding National Deworming Day 2017. During the interaction, media people were briefed about the program and their queries were resolved.

(c): A total of 34 crore children have been targeted to administer albendazole tablets during NDD Febraury 2017.

(d): Government of India has initiated National Deworming Day wherein Albendazole tablets are being administered to all children between the ages of 1 − 19 years.

Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) or worms Prevalence Mapping has been done across the country to guide States/UTs on the frequency of deworming as per STH or worms load.

Promotion of WASH activities focusing on the use of toilet, encouraging children to wear shoes/ chappals; washing hands with soap before eating and after using toilet and clean water supply are also done in close collaboration with Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.